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COMMUNICATION

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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION			
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-3,8

Protection of neuronal cells from cell death in a subject having a neuropathological disorder by the use of activated protein C (APC)

2. Claims: 4-6,9

Reduction of inflammation in a subject having a neuropathological disorder by the use of activated protein C (APC)

3. Claims: 7,10

Reduction of inflammation in a subject having an inflammatory vascular disease by the use of activated protein C (APC)

The common concept linking together the independent claims 1, 4, 7-10 is the following: activated protein C is being used in therapy, eg as anti-thrombotic agent in neuropathological disorders or as anti-inflammatory agent.

This common concept is not novel, see patent literature cited.
Hence the application lacks unity within the meaning of Article 82 EPC.

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